



AN CANACH



President's Quarterly Message—Louis Russell

From the President's Desk
February 15, 2025

Greetings to all. As I sit at my desk today and look out the window, it amazes me that it is already mid-February. However, in Iowa from now until mid-March is the time we typically get the most snow. Our first big snow was yesterday and are expecting another starting this afternoon and into the weekend. Winter is making its last stand before giving way to Spring. While, Iowa has enjoyed a reasonably mild winter, I recognize that many others have endured and continue to rebuild from the effects of extreme weather.

The 2025 Annual General Meeting quickly approaching. This year the AGM will be held in conjunction with the Seattle Scottish Highland Games and Gathering on July 25-27 in Enumclaw, Washington. The meeting will include an informal "Meet and Greet" at the hotel patio Friday evening July 25 followed by the Calling of the Clans at the Expo grounds. Saturday evening we will gather for a ceilidh and dinner. Joyce Henderson, Northwest Regional Commissioner is our host this year and has sent an initial announcement including details on the hotel. Watch for future announcements. Our Chief Allistair Henderson of Fordell is planning to attend this year. Please note, typically the Annual Board Meeting is held the week before the AGM. However, because the 2025 AGM will occur in July, the Annual Board meeting will be held via Zoom in early November. Details of the Board meeting will be forthcoming.

A few weeks ago, the Scholarship Committee announced that they are accepting applications for scholarships. The deadline is April 1, 2025. Clan Henderson members are encouraged to apply. Traditionally, applications have originated from North America. This year, Audrey Trawick, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, is working with Jeff Henderson, South Pacific Regional Commissioner, to encourage applicants from that region, also. The Scholarship Program is open to all and potential applicants from around the world are welcome to apply. Application forms are available on the CHS website. Click on the "Youth and Scholarship" tab on the homepage or follow

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the link below. https://www.clanhendersonsociety.com/_files/ugd/a06742_f43e20a81c27437b88bbdb63df94eb33.pdf

The Scholarship Endowment Fund is growing. As a result of CHS member contributions, \$11,000 was recently added to the Endowment bringing the total to \$59,585. As a reminder, the initial goal is to reach a total Endowment of \$125,000 which will support the Scholarship program at the current level. We are almost halfway there! As you consider how to support this effort, be sure to view the video prepared by Audrey Trawick explaining how important a scholarship is to the recipient. You can find the video on the CHS website or by clicking on the link below.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OdE5TUy7xpA0cfIY1Bn1avPUv5Ox_f3V/view?usp=drivesdk

Recently, Suzanne Emerson, VP Membership, reported that the auto-renewal feature is working! The feature has been available for about 1 year and the first auto-renewals are starting to occur. By utilizing this feature, you improve efficiency and reduce cost for our organization. All are encouraged to utilize the auto-renewal feature.

Thanks to everyone for supporting Clan Henderson.
Aye

Louis Russell
President
Clan Henderson Society

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Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

Know ye all Kinsmen present

Induction into the

Order of The Chief

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Is hereby bestowed on*

Arthur F. Henderson III

Is commended for over 28 years of exceptional and exemplary service in the North Pacific Region. His support as a convenor, mentor and advisor, as well as his significant contributions in time, energy and financial support of numerous cultural activities underscores an attitude of service, and devotion to our Clan and its heritage. His example sets a tone and a standard for future generations to emulate.


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Is commended for over 28 years of exceptional and exemplary service in the North Pacific Region. Her support as a convenor, mentor and supporter of numerous cultural activities underscores a high level of service and devotion to our Clan and its heritage. Her unselfish attitude and focused dedication example sets a tone and a standard for future kinsmen to emulate.


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CONGRATULATIONS



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Induction into the

Order of The Chief

with Distinction

of the Clan Henderson Society

Is hereby bestowed on

Donald Henderson Jr.

In continued recognition of his long-term commitment to Scottish culture his medal is upgraded to "with distinction." He is especially commended for his dedication, zeal and support to the historic Octorara Coventar Presbyterian Church and its associated charity and education foundation. His enthusiasm, attitude of commitment and dedication are an inspiration to all who know him. Inducted into the Society in 2016.



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AGM 2025 Announcement

YOU ARE INVITED!

**2025 Annual General Meeting
Enumclaw, Washington
July 25-27, 2025**

The Annual General Meeting of Clan Henderson Society will be held in Enumclaw, Washington, at the Seattle Scottish Highland Games and Gathering July 25-27 2025.

Seattle Scottish Highland Games Association – Scotland Comes to the Pacific Northwest

The host hotel is the Best Western Plus Mountain View Inn in Auburn, WA. We have 20 rooms blocked for CHS. The rooms are either a king or 2-queen beds. Nightly rate is \$179 (plus taxes and fees).

- **Reservations must be made before 6/24/2025 to guarantee the rate, and any rooms not booked will be released on this date.**
- **Hotel Website:**
[Best Western Auburn, WA](#)

The Clan Henderson room rate is authorized from Thursday, July 24 through Sunday, July 27 (4 nights).

On Friday, July 25, CHS will gather on the hotel patio for meet & greet with light snacks & refreshments.

SSHGA will “Call the Clans” on Friday evening on the Expo grounds, and CHS will migrate from the hotel to join in the festivities. More information to follow on this, also.

Clan Chieftian, Alistair of Fordell is planning to be in attendance, which is a great honor for the Clan. In addition to the events at the Games, Clan Henderson will gather for dinner on Saturday, July 26 at the Babick Cellars Winery for dinner, fellowship and entertainment. Dinner menu and cost are being finalized and information for reservations will be forthcoming.

Winery | Babick Cellars | Enumclaw

Please plan to attend and join your Henderson cousins for a weekend of fun, merri-ment and fellowship!

Conveners Needed in the Southeast Region

Be the people who meet, greets and welcomes the members and visitors to our Hospitality Tents! Some of our Conveners have been tirelessly bringing the Scottish Games to us for many years where we can meet and enjoy our time together. Now, it's time for other members to take charge of some of the games. Our current conveners will assist new conveners get started. Here are some of the games.

1. Georgia Mountain Scottish Games, located in Hiawassee, Ga. formally Blairsville Scottish Games.
2. Stone Mountain Highland Games. located in Stone Mountain, Ga
3. Northeast Florida Scottish Games, located in GreenCove, Fl

A Big Thank You to the Conveners who serve Clan Henderson Society.

Mary Lane Henderson
SE Region Commissioner





47th ANNUAL

SAVANNAH SCOTTISH GAMES

AND CELTIC FESTIVAL

May 3, 2025
Savannah, Georgia USA

ScotDance USA Highland Dancing
Southeast Regional Championships

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Feb 28- March 1 Panama City Beach Scottish Games Phil Embry, Panama City Beach, FL
March 1 Southeast Florida Scottish Games Convener Needed, Plantation, FL
March 1 Camden Irish Festival, Camden, SC
March 8&9 St Augustine Celtic Heritage Festival No Clan Tents, St Augustine, FL
April 5 Dunedin Celtic Games Convener Needed, Dunedin, FL
April 3-6 Tartan Day South Highland Games, Columbia, SC
April Loch Norman Highland Games Harry & Suzanne Keifer, Huntersville, NC
April 12&13 Ormond Beach Celtic Festival Dan & Judy Henderson, Ormond Beach, FL
May 3 Savannah Scottish Games Leon & Ann Hicks, Savannah, GA
May 23 Great Scots Parade Greenville Scots, Greenville, SC
May 24 Greenville Highland Games Rick & Fran Kalk, Greenville, SC
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CLAN HENDERSON HISTORY



Anchor Line (Henderson Bros.)

In the Small coastal fishing village of Pittenweem Fife Scotland theres a home with historic designation for a category class B building which is called the " Henderson House" . This is the home of John & Janet(Shanks) Henderson where they raised their family . John was a Master Mariner who either took up the trade following in his fathers footsteps who was press ganged into the Navy or his father-n-law who was a shipmaster . John was on voyage to Naples 1843 and tragically died of smallpox and was buried in Naples at the age of 43.



Johns passing left behind a wife ,4 sons and two daughters , all 4 sons were in the shipping trades and his son Thomas started out at age 12.

At this point in history on the banks of the Clyde in Glasgow the ship building industry was booming and the family relocated to Glasgow a few years after Johns death for a better future.



1852 Thomas Henderson received his Masters Certificate of Service and Joined the firm of Nicol & Robert Handyside & CO . The firm chartered vessels of tonnage for trade with Russia & Baltic . Thomas was driven and wanted to start transatlantic travel and by 1854 they made him a full partner creating Handyside & Henderson (Anchor Line) . They purchased their first vessel 1854 . As Steam power was coming of age in the shipping industry the firm in 1856 Converted the " Tempest " to have screw drive and Thomas Sailed the maiden voyage from Glasgow to New York with great success , unfortunately the second voyage without Thomas at the wheel it disappeared without a trace on return voyage from New York .

1857 Thomas's brother John joined the Anchor line after serving years as a Master Mariner and His Brothers David and William Founded the Finnieston Steamship Works Co and later changed name to D & W Henderson shipbuilders . David and William started out in the industry as marine engineers building steam power for vessels and eventually purchased another company to build the hulls . As a company they supplied their brothers Thomas and John at the Anchor line with over 30+ vessels .



They are accredited with building some of the finest vessels of the time to include the France a 5 masted sailing vessel that was stated to be largest in the world and maybe a little more known vessel sold to the Prince of Wales " The Britannia " . The Vessel was a racing yacht even enjoyed by King George V .



CLAN HENDERSON HISTORY PAGE

1865 Henderson Bros opens Anchor line booking Office in New York.

1872 they made their nephew William Coverley Partner and in charge of all US operations, at this time they had several Anchor line offices in Major cities of America and thousands of booking agents .

William was a good Standing member of the St. Andrews and Burns society of New York city .

1873 all Handyside brothers retired and all four brothers took over ownership of the Anchor line, And the Name changed to Anchor Line Hendersons Bros.



1882 General Sir David Henderson was commissioned into the Army , He's known as the Father of the Royal flying Corp. and was the son of David Henderson .



To learn more about Sir David Henderson goto <https://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/blog/the-forgotten-father-of-the-royal-air-forc/>

After the death of the last brother in the late 1890's they began to lack direction and would eventually be bought out right by the Cunard Steamship line which had tried previously to buy the brothers out .



Anchor line Glasgow Headquarters is now a bar/restaurant along with event center and is the Jewel of of the city . History of the Anchor line adorns the walls of the building .

Scan code for free online book written by Vivian Henderson about this families lines " A Story About A Family"



Fun Fact : A second Henderson family from Pittenweem with 4 brothers formed the shipping firm P. Henderson & co . In Glasgow.

Special Thanks to Norman Gutter and his Families records

Christian Henderson

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At any time.

**If you are late please let me know how much space (# words and pictures)
you will need and I will plan accordingly.**

**Thanks to all Aye,
Lawrence Henderson, An Canach Editor**

Facebook also has up to date activities of the Henderson Clan see link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/clanhendersonsociety/permalink/10160474829769654/?mibextid=Nif5oz>

Youth News

Dear Clan Henderson,

I recently returned from a long weekend in Philadelphia, I wasn't there for the Super Bowl! I was there for the annual Marguerite Reed Memorial Competition and Workshop. This weekend brings the best Highland Dance teachers from Scotland and Canada to help dancers here improve the championship steps required at Regionals and Nationals. My favorite workshop was the Highland Jig, I saw a lot of improvement from the beginning of that session to the end.

In addition to a day and a half of workshops, there is also a choreography competition and a Broadwords competition. The Broadwords dance has four dancers performing intricate movements over and across the swords in a unique choreography. If only one dancer touches the sword, that team is disqualified. I'm very happy to say that my team, the BlueBonnet Highland Dancers from McKinney Texas, came in third in the Broadwords competition. Better yet, I took second place overall out of twelve dancers in the Premier Choreography competition which was so exciting!



Three weeks before Philadelphia, I was in Florida at the Central Florida Highland Games, a tough competition, and the first competition of the year in which all dancers got to try out the new championship steps. I placed fourth overall in the Premiership in a group of fifteen, and was very happy with those results.

I'm looking forward to competitions in Sherman, TX, San Antonio, TX, and Regionals in Houston this April. I'm working hard so that I can once again come back home with the first place trophy from Regionals!

Best wishes,

Olivia Bishop

Olivia Bishop Interview

Audrey Trawick, CHS Youth Director

Good afternoon, Clan Henderson Members, I have an interview to share with you! This time I'm featuring one of our 2024 scholarship winners: Olivia Bishop. I had the lovely opportunity to talk with her about Highland dance, and I'm excited to spotlight her accomplishments and future goals with you all.

What is your name, age, and what dance level are you in?

Olivia Bishop, at 12, and I'm a Premier dancer.

What's the name of your studio that you dance with?

I dance with the Bluebonnet Highland Dance, in McKinney Texas.

What inspires you to dance?

I love that Highland challenges me, it's beautiful, and it's fun.

How does highland dance challenge you?

The most difficult aspect for me has been dancing at the Premier level. Olivia followed up with examples of why it would be harder to dance in a professional category: It would be more difficult than other categories, because there are older dancers, and combined with more years of experience, can be difficult to compete against.

What are some of your goals in 2024-2025, and have you met any this year?

"To improve my turnout. It's something you have to work on consistently. This is what I've worked really hard at, and I see a big improvement". My goals would also include jumping higher consistently off the ground during her dancing, improve my stamina, and to visit new dance competition venues in 2025.

Is there a competition that you haven't been to yet that you're looking forward to attending in the future?

I'm headed to Florida this January to compete in a championship. I've never done this competition, and I'm looking forward to it because It's a championship. I'll get to dance my new choreography for the first time and compete with the Jig for the first time. I want to progress so that I can win nationals, and other championships. My ultimate goal is to compete at Cowal in Scotland.

Do you have any responsibilities being part of your studio?

Just this year, I was asked by Miss Vicki to come early and be an assistant teacher for the younger dancers. Being an assistant dance teacher is great because I want to be a Highland Dance teacher one day, and I feel like assisting teaching is great experience for this.

Do you have a favorite dancer that inspires you, or that you look up to?

From my region, I really look up to Sarah Neff from Colorado. She has great technique, great feet,

and she's a very nice person, and Rebecca Thow; she has a great stage presence, and she makes the steps look effortless.

How does your instructor help you with your goals for the future, and how do you go about setting your personal goals?

Every year, we are encouraged to make a "share a vision" board with pictures and details of what we'd like to accomplish in the future. I set my personal goals based on all the competitions leading up to nationals, which are in July every year. Each small competition is a step closer to Regionals and then Nationals.

I'm curious to know if you have any Scottish or Celtic heritage with Clan Henderson, or any other Clans?

My Uncle did our genealogy, and we discovered that hundreds of years ago, we have Scottish relatives with the name of Douglas, and we are proud members of a few other Clans which offer membership based on interest in the Celtic arts.

How has Highland Dance impacted your life?

Highland Dance has impacted my life for the better. It's great exercise. I'm never bored, there are always steps to work on. It has helped me set goals, and I've made good friends while travelling to different competitions. Highland Dance has helped me with nerves during competition, on and off stage. When I'm competing or performing, I really concentrate but I'm also having a lot of fun.

Closing statement:

It was such an honor to be able to interview Olivia Bishop. Olivia's bubbly, fun, and cheery disposition was very refreshing, and seeing the joy and passion that she has for dance left a lasting impression on me during our call. I hope she is able to achieve all the goals that she's set throughout her competitive years. Clan Henderson congratulates you, Olivia, on the many achievements you've gained this year, and for many years to come.



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Suzanne Henderson Emerson, Vice President of Members Announces the Longevity awards and New Members for this issue of An Canach.

YRS

Far South	1881	VANDERWARF	Jason D.	Coldspring	TX	USA	25
Central	2221	HENDERSON-HOYT	Donna Lynn	Kansas City	KS	USA	25
Great Lakes	2312	HENDERSON	Robert G.	Wickliffe	OH	USA	25
Mid South	2393	HENDERSON	Mary E.	Nashville	TN	USA	25
South East	3489	SMITH	William Kevin	Ridgeville	SC	USA	15
Central	3962	GOODIN	Robert B.	Carlton	MN	USA	5
South East	4874	HENDERSON	Dr. Daniel Charles	Leesburg	FL	USA	5
South Pacific	4906	HENDERSON	Charles F.	Chula Vista	CA	USA	5
Oceania	4973	MARR	Jennifer	Hampton East, VIC	NSW	AUS	5
North Pacific	5002	TODE	Augila Henderson	Missoula	MT	USA	5
South East	5018	SELLERS	Carren Henderson	Sandy Springs	GA	USA	5
Mid South	5020	HENDERSON	Raymond	Fayetteville	TN	USA	5
Mid East	5027	RICHARDSON	Pamela Henderson	Mineral	VA	USA	5
South East	5030	LAMBIASO	Marlene K.	Winter Springs	FL	USA	5

New Members Welcome

Central	5524	HENDERSON	Aaron	Swisher	IA	USA
Far South	5525	HENDERSON	Tom	Sherman	TX	USA
South East	5526	HENDERSON	Charles	Charleston	SC	USA
Central	5527	SHIH	Jerome	Minneapolis	MN	USA
Far South	5528	GOIN	Marty	Arlington	TX	USA
South East	5529	HENDERSON, Jr.	Thomas H (Tommy)	Goose Creek	SC	USA
South West	5530	SERVOSS	Stephanie	Farmington	UT	USA
Independent	5531	NURRO	Jari	Oulu		FINLAND

AGM 2025 Hotel Details

Hotel Links for 2025 AGM

Please find additional links below for the AGM hotel:

The host hotel is the Best Western Plus Mountain View Inn in Auburn, WA. We have 20 rooms blocked for CHS. The rooms are either a king or 2-queen beds. Nightly rate is \$179 (plus taxes and fees).

- Reservations must be made before 6/24/2025 to guarantee the rate, and any rooms not booked will be released on this date.
- Hotel Website:

[Best Western Auburn, WA](#)
[Best Western Auburn, WA Alternate Link #1](#)
[Best Western Auburn, WA Alternate Link #2](#)

The Clan Henderson room rate is authorized from Thursday, July 24 through Sunday, July 27 (4 nights).

On Friday, July 25, CHS will gather on the hotel patio for meet & greet with light snacks & refreshments. SSHGA will “Call the Clans” on Friday evening on the Expo grounds, and CHS will migrate from the hotel to join in the festivities. More information to follow on this, also.

Clan Chieftain, Alistair of Fordell is planning to be in attendance, which is a great honor for the Clan. In addition to the events at the Games, Clan Henderson will gather for dinner on Saturday, July 26 at the Babick Cellars Winery for dinner, fellowship and entertainment. Dinner menu and cost are being finalized and information for reservations will be forthcoming.

Winery | Babick Cellars | Enumclaw

Please plan to attend and join your Henderson cousins for a weekend of fun, merriment and fellowship!

Scottish Highland Games And Festivals 2025



California

- Calaveras Celtic Faire (Angles Camp) March 8-9
- Sonora Celtic Faire (Sonora) March 7-9
- Norcal Celtic Festival (Woodland) April 26-27
- KVMR Celtic Festival (Grass Valley) April 26-27
- Shasta Celtic Arts & Crafts Fair (Redding) May 3
- Scottish Fest (Costa Mesa) May 24-25
- Scottish Highland Gathering & Games (Pleasanton) August 30-31
- Scottish Gathering and Games (Fresno) September 20
- Seaside Highland Games (Ventura) October 11-12

Hawaii

- Hawaiian Scottish Festival & Games (Honolulu) April 5-6

Nevada

- Las Vegas Celtic Festival & Highland Games (North Las Vegas) April 12-13
- Great Basin Scottish Highland Games (Sparks) September 13-14

Canceled

- San Diego Highland Games
- Kern County Scottish Games (Bakersfield CA)

Upcoming Highland Games and Festivals 2025



Halo Clan Henderson Society Members,

The Highland Games and Celtic Faire's are back with a few exceptions so I put an attached list together for you . We will have Clan Tents only in California this year at Scottish Fest (Costa Mesa) , Scottish Highland Gathering & Games (Pleasanton) and Seaside Highland Games (Ventura) . If you are able to help with setup at any of these games or help man the tents please reply to this email .

If you have interest in becoming a convener or bodyguard for the Games we don't have representation for this year please reach out to me .

Now is the time to submit applications to me for our youth Scholarship program, please go to this link <https://www.clanhendersonsociety.com/youth-program> for detailed information . Deadline for submission is April 1 .

I wrote an article for the next issue of the An Canach which I hope you enjoy. If you have an interesting story about an ancestor of yours and wish to share with Clan Henderson, please reach out to me .

Again I would like to thank you for your unwavering support of Clan Henderson Society .

Your cousin ,

Christian Henderson, South Pacific: NV, CA, HI Regional Commissioner



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